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Business Meeting Minutes 01/03/2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by the President, Marcel Dumont W1MLD with salute to the flag. The roll was called with 22 members and 0 guests present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

With former SEMARA secretary Richard J. Cabral, W1RJC having voluntarily vacated his position at the December meeting, there was no official secretary in place for this meeting. The minutes that W1RJC had compiled from this meeting had been posted on the club bulletin board wall. A motion was made, seconded and voted on in the affirmative to read the notes from the wall if desired.

TREASURER'S REPORT

SEMARA Treasurer, Michael J. McDonald, KB1NB reported a total income of \$9,800 from Netcom Wireless Facilities. This included two months payment plus \$3,000 back pay leaving a total of \$8,220 owed to SEMARA by Netcom. Total expenditures including utilities was \$432. Total cash assets are \$105,233. A motion was made, seconded and voted on in the affirmative to refer the report to audit.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds

Chairman Martin F. Jordan, KA1YFV reported that several old PC boards were discarded. KA1YFV requested that members do not bring trash from elsewhere to the club.

Technical

Nothing noted

Scholarship

Nothing noted



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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ARES, RACES, SKYWARN

There is a RACES drill scheduled for the 7th MEMA is looking to move to New Bedford but is still in search of a building.

Activities

Nothing noted

Radio Events

Robert B. Kelley, K1KVV discussed ARRL Kid's day which will be held on January 5th 2019. He also reported that rather than posting the January ARRL Contest Coral on the bulletin board this month, he emailed it to the discussion mailing list instead.

Renovations

Nothing noted

Repeater

Discussed that the 220 repeater is still inoperable and that the tri-plexer needs repaired. A new one will be sourced and installed at some point.

Website

Robert B. Kelley, K1KVV reported that there is an issue with some emails from people attempting to contact SEMARA have been being flagged as spam by the system erroneously.

COMMUNICATIONS

None noted

RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jeffrey M Richard Sr., NY1US had completed his one month waiting period to become a new member of SEMARA. A motion was made, seconded and voted on in the affirmative to accept NY1US as a member.



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Michael J. Skorvanek III, WA1KSN submitted his application for membership to SEMARA. A motion was made, seconded and voted on in the affirmative to begin a one month waiting period (I/A/W club by-laws) to further process his application.

PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

None noted

OLD BUSINESS

The railing for the side of the building was noted as not having been installed yet. It was further reported by the contractor. Also, the new beam antenna was discussed. It remains in a partially assembled state and is need of a few members to complete it.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion on the temperature control in the main area of the club was had. This control is set to default to 60 degrees and will automatically reset to that temperature regularly regardless if it is manually changed. However, it will not maintain 60 degrees if it is shut off. Apparently some member(s) have been shutting it off despite a clear sign near the control forbidding this causing the temperature to drop below 60 degrees. Several remedies for this problem were discussed including a locked cover. It was decided that a programmable PIN would be incorporated to prevent tampering with the settings.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB

None noted

NOMINATIONS AND VOTING

Jeffrey M. Richard Sr. NY1US was nominated for the vacant position of SEMARA secretary. A motion was made, seconded and voted on in the affirmative.

ADJOURN

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeffrey M Richard Sr.
NY1US
Secretary, SEMARA